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TEST PREPARATIONS

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SIMULATED HIGH ALTITUDE TEST PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING AT THE HORIZONTAL TEST POSITION. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: A PROBABLE TEST ARTICLE IS AT THE THRUST BLOCK BENEATH TWO CANVAS-COVERED HOLD DOWN RINGS, AND FOUR OF THE FIVE DIFFUSER SEGMENTS ARE IN THE TEST AREA BUT NOT CONNECTED. THE PRESENCE OF THE DIFFUSER SEGMENTS INDICATES THAT AN UPPER STAGE SOLID MOTOR FOR A STRATEGIC MISSILE WILL SOON BE TESTED. THESE PREPARATIONS HAD BEGUN [REDACTED] WHEN A HOLD DOWN RING [REDACTED] WAS IN PLACE NEXT TO THE THRUST BLOCK. ON THAT DATE, ALL OF THE DIFFUSER SEGMENTS WERE IN THE NORMAL STORAGE AREA. THIS TEST ACTIVITY MAY BE RELATED TO THE SS-X-24 SOLID PROPELLANT STRATEGIC MISSILE CURRENTLY IN EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL FLIGHT TESTING. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 48-26-00N 035-58-23E

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